

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 are amended herein. Claims 3, 12 are cancelled. New claim 19 is added. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 10-11 and 13-19 are pending and under consideration. Claims 8-9 and 18 are withdrawn from consideration.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are overcome by the present amendments. For example, claim 1 recites each of the water tanks has a lower portion and a side portion, with the lower portion of each of the water tanks, which receives the ends of the grill pipes, being thicker than the side portion. The Applicant notes the Examiner's statement that an increase in thickness will increase strength and rigidity. However, it is noted that a particular arrangement of increased thickness is claimed, i.e., lower portion being thicker than side. Thus, the claimed features go beyond simply increasing thickness uniformly, but include selective increases in thickness.

Furthermore, new claim 19 recites one of the grill pipes comprising a first horizontal portion having an end in contact with one of the water tanks and a second horizontal portion in fluid communication with the first horizontal portion and below the first horizontal portion to receive food thereon.

The cited references do not teach first and second horizontal portions. Instead, the cited references all teach curved or angled elements. Even if such elements inherently have a small horizontal portion, there would not be first and second horizontal portions, as claimed.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.


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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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